

war on terrorism and fought to bring freedom to the Iraqi people because he wanted to make the world a stronger, safer, better place for all of us. According to Kurt's mother, Pamela Lindsay:

[Kurt] among all my children was the peace lover. He was always finding a solution to a conflict. He would always fight the good fight, through talking and joking. If we could fight wars without loss of life and limb . . . Kurt would have lived. But . . . he knew that was not possible at this time.

Sergeant Schamberg loved his family. And, he loved the U.S. Army. He helped a new generation of soldiers learn how to protect themselves and protect our country. In an email message posted on an Internet tribute following Kurt's death, SPC Richard Ellsworth, who was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, at the time, wrote the following:

[Kurt], I wanted to tell you that your job as an NCO in the Army is not over yet. You still have to take care of your troops! I will be heading to Iraq for the second time very shortly and I will need an outstanding NCO to look up to. I couldn't think of a better soldier than you. You will be missed, but never forgotten. Remember the soldiers' creed and the warrior ethos—and lead your soldiers to victory.

Kurt Schamberg was an accomplished and well-respected soldier. He was also an energetic, loving, good-humored young man, who endeared himself to all. Kurt's cousin Katie Schamberg remembers this about him: "He was talented. He was funny. He was just everything. He loved life and was proud of what he was doing. . . ."

Kurt lived life to its fullest, whether he was fighting in a war or watching his beloved Steelers play football or creating his artwork or having a lively debate about politics. Everything he did, he did it with passion and zeal and with a love for life.

I would like to close my remarks with something that Kurt's friend Tiffany from Cleveland wrote in his honor:

Kurt was a wonderful, charismatic and brave individual. He had the remarkable talent of making people laugh. I will always remember him for this. I am immensely saddened by the loss, as is everyone who was privileged enough to know him in this life. Kurt was loved by many and [was] a true friend. My sympathy goes out to Lance and Kurt's family. Farewell Kurt. You will surely be missed.

My wife Fran and I continue to keep Kurt's family in our thoughts and prayers.

#### TERRORIST ATTACKS IN INDONESIA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to condemn the terrorist attacks in Bali this past weekend that murdered over 20 people and injured scores of others. I ask my colleagues to keep the innocent victims of the attacks—and their families and friends—in our thoughts and prayers.

The indiscriminate murder of men, women, and children in Bali by suicide

bombers underscores the viciousness of ideological extremists. Young men and women wooed to the dark side of religious fanaticism should not be fooled that paradise follows their suicide. At the end of the day, there is only death and destruction.

During these turbulent times, the people of Indonesia should know that they do not stand alone. As we share common principles of freedom and human rights, the world's democracies stand with you. I encourage President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to let America and other nations know how best we can help in the aftermath of the attacks—and what assistance we can provide to counter terrorism in Indonesia. In the war against terrorism, your struggle is our struggle.

I close by saying that like the Bali bombings in October 2002, the ripple from this weekend's attacks are felt on the shores of all free nations. Indonesia does not stand alone.

#### THE LIFE OF PAMELA WHITE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last summer, I came to the Senate floor to say a few words about the untimely death of a great wilderness advocate and friend named Sally Kabisch. I spoke then of how one person can and does make a difference.

It is with a heavy heart that I return today to honor another great Nevadan who died too young and in tragic fashion.

Pam White hailed from Wyoming, she spent time in California, but settled in Ely—in eastern Nevada—and became a great Nevadan. Just last Thursday, Pam joined me and Senator ENSIGN for breakfast here in the Capitol. She had traveled to advocate for wilderness in White Pine County, the place she called home.

Pam's enthusiasm and conviction were infectious. She worked doggedly to build support for wilderness in rural Nevada. She served on local committees and advisory groups because she cared about the management and protection of our public lands. She deserves credit for depoliticizing the wilderness debate in eastern Nevada. She also deserves credit for supporting economic development in her adopted home town of Ely.

What I also appreciated about Pam was that she knew the importance of adoption. She adopted Nevada as her State, Ely as her home, and a young boy named Connor as her son.

Connor White has been dealt some tough cards in his life. His birth parents had serious drug problems and he ended up in foster care. Pam White became his advocate, his protector, and his mother. It takes a special person to care for a special needs child. Pam was a special person who cared. It takes an angel to adopt a special needs child.

The day after I saw Pam last week, she died in a single car crash between Ely and Elko. Pam was and is an angel. As Pam's parents, friends, family, and

community rally to remember her life, Connor's future will be their focus. Pam would have wanted it to be so because she knew that affecting the lives of children is the best difference we can make.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER KEVIN S. BRENNAN, USN

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander Kevin Brennan, who has served so admirably and faithfully as a liaison to our Appropriations Committee on Defense. I want to recognize his superb service to our Nation and the Navy as he leaves our Nation's Capital to take command of an operational aviation squadron.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedicated and faithful service in pursuing the best for our men and women of the Navy.

As the Navy's primary appropriations matters liaison for aviation and weapons matters, Kevin has been an invaluable asset for the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations, as well as a wealth of knowledge for my personal staff over the past 3½ years.

In addition to providing timely and accurate information on budget matters and emerging war fighting requirements, CDR Brennan has personally escorted my staff and the subcommittee professional staff on numerous trips to review military operations and confirm the health and welfare of our troops, on the front lines as well as when they return home from action. He provided keen insight on matters of national security and naval aviation's current readiness status, and the direct relationship between the two. His perspective on the needs of the Nation with respect to our sea service has provided me with the clarity and detail I needed to make important decisions regarding appropriations for the Department of Defense in pursuing the Nation's global war on terrorism.

In addition to the respect for the work Commander Brennan did in representing the Navy, I would like to thank him for his congenial demeanor and great sense of humor that he shared with all of us. It is his same sense of purpose and professionalism that I am confident will enable him to be a tremendous role model for those who serve under his command.

It is my honor to recognize Commander Brennan for his distinguished service to our Nation. My wife Lynda and I have the highest respect for those who serve in uniform, and I appreciate and honor all the men and women who have served in the defense of freedom. Recalling our national anthem, to our veterans and Armed Forces, I say, we would not be "the land of the free" if we were not also "the home of the brave."